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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food & Drug Administration
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Rockville, Maryland, 20852

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Re: Dockets # 98N-1038, Irradiation
in the production & processing & Handling of food.

To Whome it my concern:

I am a concerned parent, & horticulturist.
I want the F.D.A. to label all irradiated
foods using the Radiation Symbol and the
term's "Treated with Radiation". This includes
irradiated elements of combination or mixed
foods. Irradiated produce should be
prominently labeled on the Boxes or on a
nearby sign. I also want to know if the
food at a restaurant has been irradiated. By
not labeling food you will be taking
away peoples freedom of choice.

Furthermore, I rely on whole food's such
as fruits & vegetables to provide essential
vitamins to my family, Irradiation, causes
nutrient losses, that arent recognized or expected,
in whole food, There is considerable evidence

98N-1038 That processing by irradiation, causes chemical
changes to food, and are not evident & potentially
hazardous. In addition there is no long
term study on the effects of humans fed a
diet heavy in irradiated foods. C1776

labeling would allow me to decide for myself & my family, if I want to choose storage qualities of irradiated foods and the potential health risks versus food that has not be radited, Not labeling would be misleading.

I might reject irated meat because it has an off flavor or odor, without knowing why this had occurred, & avoid that brand in the future, I might reject some produce that ~~has~~ had in unacceptal texture.

Because this technology has not been used on a wide scale befor, I request that the labeling requirement be retained.

Please place public comments on the Internet so that I can learn more about the viewpoints of those who support an end to labeling,

Sincerely,

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